

Press Release

HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Office of the County Executive



PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe
Harford"

EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,
Building for the Future"

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining
Harford's Prosperity"

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our
Environment"

QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is
Important to Harford
County Citizens"

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Sustainability Office Announces Award

Green Team Awards Green Star of the Quarter

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Sustainability Office and **Green Team** awarded the **Green Star of the Quarter** (October – December 2011) to Artie Reeves and Jimmy Hynes of the Department of Public Works, Division of Water and Sewer for their teamwork and efficiency using environmentally responsible spill response resources.

Should Harford County experience a spill at Sod Run, Artie Reeves and Jimmy Hynes are thinking ahead and ready to respond with environmentally-responsible spill absorbent materials. More specifically, Sod Run stocks MAT 240 absorbent mats which are made of 50% recycled polypropylene content as well as SPHAG Sorb absorbent which is a natural organic absorbent. The HazMat team introduced Sod Run to the SPHAG Sorb absorbent after their success with the product. These materials are environmentally friendly, financially-responsible and a great fit for a more sustainable future.

In 2008, County Executive David R. Craig formed the Energy Management Steering Committee, otherwise known as the **Green Team**, as one of his Environmental Stewardship Initiatives. The goal of the **Green Team** is to guide energy and resource efficiency practices within the County. To foster a culture of sustainability, in June 2010 the **Green Team** created the **Green Star Program** to recognize actions by county employees that demonstrate a commitment to environmental stewardship, promote energy efficiency and resource management.

To learn more about the **Green Star Program** and to see all of the Green Stars, please visit the Sustainability Office webpage at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/Green/>.

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